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Residents Have Access to Easy-to-Use Prescription Drug Discount Card Launched Today

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can offer average savings of 20 percent off drug retail prices*

Charleston, SC—The City of Charleston today launched a program to help provide residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The city is making free prescription drug discount cards available to the Charleston community through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer the community average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The discount cards may be used by all residents of the Charleston community and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at over a 100 pharmacies throughout the Charleston area, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

"In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the City of Charleston is happy to partner with the National League of Cities to make this prescription discount card available for our residents," said Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. "Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our community to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition."

Cards are available at the following locations at no cost to. Downtown locations include: City Hall, Arthur Christopher City Gymnasium, St. Julian Devine Community Center, Charleston City Offices, Charleston County Main Library, and the Charleston Housing Authority Administrative offices. Daniel Island Locations include: Daniel Island Municipal Complex and the Daniel Island Library. James Island Locations include: James Island Recreation Center, Lowcountry Senior Center, and the James Island Library. Johns Island Locations include: Johns Island Regional Library. West

Ashley Locations include: Charleston Tennis Center, St. Andrews Regional Library, and the West Ashley Library.

Residents can call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 or visit www.caremark.com/nlc for assistance with the program.

“Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use,” said Mayor Riley. “Users only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.”

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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